

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cooperatives are created through the initiative and self-reliance of Americans who come together to meet common economic, social, and cultural needs through a democratically controlled enterprise that is owned and governed by its members and exists solely to serve the members' interests; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Co-op Month 2015 "Take Ownership" emphasizes how great things happen when people join forces and work together; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 30,000 cooperative businesses in the United States operating in every industry, including agriculture, child care, energy, financial services, publishing, food retail and distribution, housing, healthcare, insurance, telecommunications, and many others; and

WHEREAS, United States cooperatives serve some 155 million members, generate more than two million jobs, and make a substantial contribution to the economy with annual sales of \$652 billion and possessing assets of \$3 trillion; and

WHEREAS, since Greenbelt's founding in 1937, the spirit of COOPERATION has dramatically sustained and enriched our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenbelt itself is a member of cooperatives, including purchasing cooperatives to help reduce the city's costs; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt's cooperatives are greatly appreciated by all our citizens as being essential to the fabric of our daily lives. They are

◆ THE GREENBELT CONSUMER COOPERATIVE, INC. ◆ GREENBELT HOMES, INC.
◆ THE GREENBELT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ◆ THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW
◆ THE GREENBELT NURSERY SCHOOL ◆ THE NEW DEAL CAFE
◆ RAPIDAN CAMPS and ◆ THE EVERGREEN HEALTH CARE COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, members of the Greenbelt Cooperative Incubator are seeking to form new cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt's cooperatives will celebrate with many activities throughout October Co-op Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim October 2015 to be

COOPERATIVE MONTH

during which we will join with all cooperatives, especially those in Greenbelt, as they celebrate their achievements, reaffirm their commitment to the values of cooperative enterprise, and look to the bright future that cooperatives will help create.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 28th day of September 2015.

EMMETT V. JORDAN, Mayor

ATTEST: Cindy Murray, City Clerk